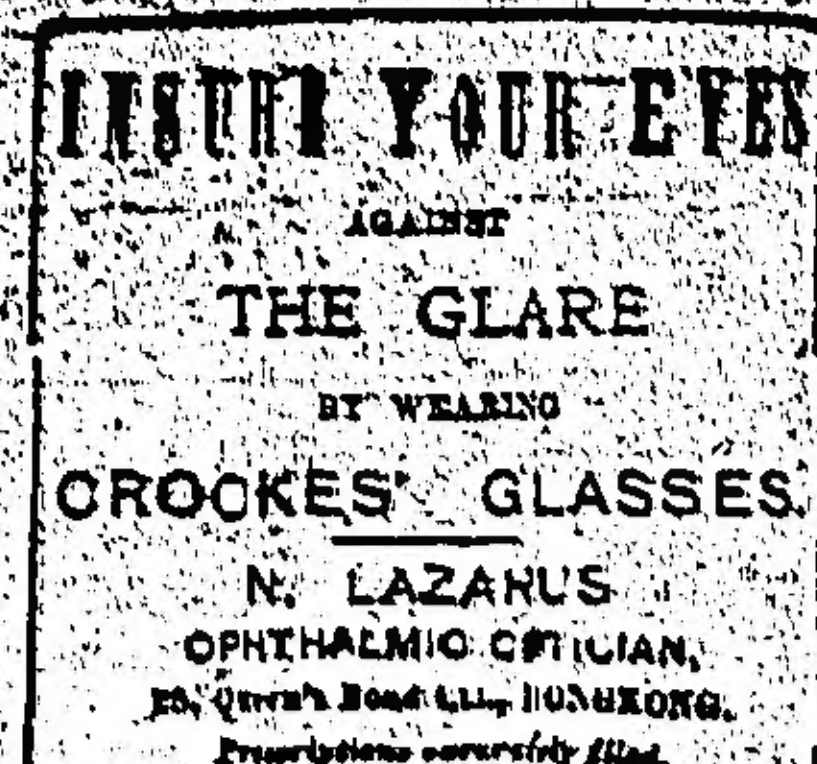




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12, 16 and 20 bore. Loaded
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Photographic Goods of Every Description
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UNDER TAKEN.
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PEAK TRAMWAY COMPANY
LIMITED.
TIME-TABLE
WEEK-DAYS
2.00 a.m. to 5.00 a.m. every 15 minutes
5.30 " " 5.45 " " 10 " "
6.00 " " 6.15 " " 10 " "
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NIGHT CARS
As on Week-Days.
SPECIAL CARS by arrangement at
the Company's Office, Alexandra Build-
ings, 100, Victoria Road Central.
Season and punch tickets available for
all cars not already full running at the
time stated in the Company's time-table,
but not for special cars, can be obtained
on application at the Company's Office.
No season tickets will be issued until
payment therefor has been made in bank
notes or by Cheque or Credit Card Order
transmitted Bank Order.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

TIME-TABLE.

On and after **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th, 1919,** until further Notice.
(All previous Time Tables cancelled.)

DOWN TRAINS

Stations	No. 1 Local	No. 2 Through	No. 3 Local	No. 4 Local	No. 5 Local	No. 6 Local	No. 7 Local	No. 8 Local	No. 9 Local	No. 10 Local	No. 11 Local	No. 12 Local	No. 13 Local	No. 14 Local	No. 15 Local	No. 16 Local	No. 17 Local	No. 18 Local	No. 19 Local	No. 20 Local
CANTON (at the Dock)	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Shum Chai	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05
Photograph	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.10
Taipei	4.15	4.15	4.15	4.15	4.15	4.15	4.15	4.15	4.15	4.15	4.15	4.15	4.15	4.15	4.15	4.15	4.15	4.15	4.15	4.15
Taipei	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20
Taipei	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25
Taipei	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.30
Taipei	4.35	4.35	4.35	4.35	4.35	4.35	4.35	4.35	4.35	4.35	4.35	4.35	4.35	4.35	4.35	4.35	4.35	4.35	4.35	4.35
Taipei	4.40	4.40	4.40	4.40	4.40	4.40	4.40	4.40	4.40	4.40	4.40	4.40	4.40	4.40	4.40	4.40	4.40	4.40	4.40	4.40
Taipei	4.45	4.45	4.45	4.45	4.45	4.45	4.45	4.45	4.45	4.45	4.45	4.45	4.45	4.45	4.45	4.45	4.45	4.45	4.45	4.45
Taipei	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50
Taipei	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.55
Taipei	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
CANTON (at the Dock)	5.05	5.05	5.05	5.05	5.05	5.05	5.05	5.05	5.05	5.05	5.05	5.05	5.05	5.05	5.05	5.05	5.05	5.05	5.05	5.05

UP TRAINS

Stations	No. 1 Local	No. 2 Through	No. 3 Local	No. 4 Local	No. 5 Local	No. 6 Local	No. 7 Local	No. 8 Local	No. 9 Local	No. 10 Local	No. 11 Local	No. 12 Local	No. 13 Local	No. 14 Local	No. 15 Local	No. 16 Local	No. 17 Local	No. 18 Local	No. 19 Local	No. 20 Local
CANTON (at the Dock)	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Shum Chai	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05
Photograph	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.10
Taipei	4.15	4.15	4.15	4.15	4.15	4.15	4.15	4.15	4.15	4.15	4.15	4.15	4.15	4.15	4.15	4.15	4.15	4.15	4.15	4.15
Taipei	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20
Taipei	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25
Taipei	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.30
Taipei	4.35	4.35	4.35	4.35	4.35	4.35	4.35	4.35	4.35	4.35	4.35	4.35	4.35	4.35	4.35	4.35	4.35	4.35	4.35	4.35
Taipei	4.40	4.40	4.40	4.40	4.40	4.40	4.40	4.40	4.40	4.40	4.40	4.40	4.40	4.40	4.40	4.40	4.40	4.40	4.40	4.40
Taipei	4.45	4.45	4.45	4.45	4.45	4.45	4.45	4.45	4.45	4.45	4.45	4.45	4.45	4.45	4.45	4.45	4.45	4.45	4.45	4.45
Taipei	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50
Taipei	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.55
Taipei	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
CANTON (at the Dock)	5.05	5.05	5.05	5.05	5.05	5.05	5.05	5.05	5.05	5.05	5.05	5.05	5.05	5.05	5.05	5.05	5.05	5.05	5.05	5.05

* Will stop at Taipei and Shengsai for First-Class Passengers; for Notices given to the guard.

NOTICE TO PASSENGERS.

The Railway Administration do not guarantee that the fares mentioned in this table will connect with the trains as shown.

SHA TAU KOK BRANCH.

Faring dep.	2.00	2.30	3.00	3.30	4.00	4.30	5.00	5.30	6.00	6.30	7.00	7.30	8.00	8.30	9.00	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	1.00	1.30	2.00	2.30	3.00	3.30	4.00	4.30	5.00	5.30	6.00	6.30	7.00	7.30	8.00	8.30	9.00	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	1.00	1.30	2.00	2.30	3.00	3.30	4.00	4.30	5.00	5.30	6.00	6.30	7.00	7.30	8.00	8.30	9.00	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	1.00	1.30	2.00	2.30	3.00	3.30	4.00	4.30	5.00	5.30	6.00	6.30	7.00	7.30	8.00	8.30	9.00	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	1.00	1.30	2.00	2.30	3.00	3.30	4.00	4.30	5.00	5.30	6.00	6.30	7.00	7.30	8.00	8.30	9.00	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	1.00	1.30	2.00	2.30	3.00	3.30	4.00	4.30	5.00	5.30	6.00	6.30	7.00	7.30	8.00	8.30	9.00	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	1.00	1.30	2.00	2.30	3.00	3.30	4.00	4.30	5.00	5.30	6.00	6.30	7.00	7.30	8.00	8.30	9.00	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	1.00	1.30	2.00	2.30	3.00	3.30	4.00	4.30	5.00	5.30	6.00	6.30	7.00	7.30	8.00	8.30	9.00	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	1.00	1.30	2.00	2.30	3.00	3.30	4.00	4.30	5.00	5.30	6.00	6.30	7.00	7.30	8.00	8.30	9.00	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	1.00	1.30	2.00	2.30	3.00	3.30	4.00	4.30	5.00	5.30	6.00	6.30	7.00	7.30	8.00	8.30	9.00	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	1.00	1.30	2.00	2.30	3.00	3.30	4.00	4.30	5.00	5.30	6.00	6.30	7.00	7.30	8.00	8.30	9.00	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	1.00	1.30	2.00	2.30	3.00	3.30	4.00	4.30	5.00	5.30	6.00	6.30	7.00	7.30	8.00	8.30	9.00	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	1.00	1.30	2.00	2.30	3.00	3.30	4.00	4.30	5.00	5.30	6.00	6.30	7.00	7.30	8.00	8.30	9.00	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	1.00	1.30	2.00	2.30	3.00	3.30	4.00	4.30	5.00	5.30	6.00	6.30	7.00	7.30	8.00	8.30	9.00	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	1.00	1.30	2.00	2.30	3.00	3.30	4.00	4.30	5.00	5.30	6.00	6.30	7.00	7.30	8.00	8.30	9.00	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	1.00	1.30	2.00	2.30	3.00	3.30	4.00	4.30	5.00	5.30	6.00	6.30	7.00	7.30	8.00	8.30	9.00	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	1.00	1.30	2.00	2.30	3.00	3.30	4.00	4.30	5.00	5.30	6.00	6.30	7.00	7.30	8.00	8.30	9.00	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	1.00	1.30	2.00	2.30	3.00	3.30	4.00	4.30	5.00	5.30	6.00	6.30	7.00	7.30	8.00	8.30	9.00	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	1.00	1.30	2.00	2.30	3.00	3.30	4.00	4.30	5.00	5.30	6.00	6.30	7.00	7.30	8.00	8.30	9.00	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	1.00	1.30	2.00	2.30	3.00	3.30	4.00	4.30	5.00	5.30	6.00	6.30	7.00	7.30	8.00	8.30	9.00	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	1.00	1.30	2.00	2.30	3.00	3.30	4.00	4.30	5.00	5.30	6.00	6.30	7.00	7.30	8.00	8.30	9.00	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	1.00	1.30	2.00	2.30	3.00	3.30	4.00	4.30	5.00	5.30	6.00	6.30	7.00	7.30	8.00	8.30	9.00	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	1.00	1.30	2.00	2.30	3.00	3.30	4.00	4.30	5.00	5.30	6.00	6.30	7.00	7.30	8.00	8.30	9.00	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	1.00	1.30	2.00	2.30	3.00	3.30	4.00	4.30	5.00	5.30	6.00	6.30	7.00	7.30	8.00	8.30	9.00	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	1.00	1.30	2.00	2.30	3.00	3.30	4.00	4.30	5.00	5.30	6.00	6.30	7.00	7.30	8.00	8.30	9.00	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	1.00	1.30	2.00	2.30	3.00	3.30	4.00	4.30	5.00	5.30	6.00	6.30	7.00	7.30	8.00	8.30	9.00	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	1.00	1.30	2.00	2.30	3.00	3.30	4.00	4.30	5.00	5.30	6.00	6.30	7.00	7.30	8.00	8.30	9.00	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	1.00	1.30	2.00	2.30	3.00	3.30
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COMPANY MEETING.

CHINA BORNEO COMPANY, LTD.
SALE OF THE COMPANY'S INTERESTS.

An extraordinary general meeting of the China Borneo Company, was held in the Company's offices yesterday, Mr. J. W. O. Bonnar presiding. The others present were Sir Paul Chater, Messrs. A. E. Griffin (directors), D. J. Lewis (Solicitor to the Company), M. S. Northcote, Scott Harston (representing Messrs. Harrison & Crossfield), A. E. Crappell, H. B. L. Dowbiggin, L. W. Saug, L. Y. Po, O. Baptista, L. N. Lepple, Ip Hook, and H. W. B. Kennett (manager).

The Chairman said:—The circular letter of 10th. December explains clearly the reason for calling this meeting, but you will no doubt expect that I should give you some more information regarding the proposed sale of the Company. Before Mr. Darby, the Chairman of the Company, left for England in April last he informed the Board that the British North Borneo Co., had some scheme under consideration for the further development of the timber resources in Borneo and that some proposal might be made to your Directors for amalgamation or on-right purchase of this Company. The timber resources in Borneo are considerable and to work them to full advantage would require a capital expenditure much larger than the China Borneo Co., could face. The opinion of Messrs. Harrison & Crossfield, Ltd., (who are interested in this Company to the extent of 1,070 shares) and the British North Borneo Co., who hold an equal number of shares, is that it will require a capital of from £500,000 to £750,000, eventually, to fully develop the timber lands. I think you will agree with me that it would be next to impossible to raise those figures here. The only way to do it is to obtain a loan from any work this concession which the British North Borneo Co. are about to grant. It may be said that an agreement could be made for the separate working on friendly terms of both Companies, but such would be open to serious objections, and in this connection I cannot do better than quote from a letter received from Messrs. Harrison & Crossfield, Ltd., with which views your Directors are in agreement.

(a) The maintenance of separate administrations would be unnecessarily costly.
(b) It would probably prove inconvenient in practice for the seats of administration of two such Companies to be so far apart as Hongkong and London.
(c) If a small place like Borneo, local friction which would be harmful to both concerns, would be very apt to arise.
(d) Two concerns, however closely allied, cannot exercise the same influence or command the same resources as one large Company.

Messrs. Harrison & Crossfield, Ltd., have therefore come to the conclusion that the only course to adopt in the interests of the shareholders is to formulate a mutually satisfactory proposal for the taking over by the new Company of the China Borneo Co., as a going concern. They have, therefore, made the offer to purchase the whole undertaking as from 31st. December, 1912 for \$925,000. I may here state that Mr. Darby, who has been connected with our Company for many years as General Manager and now as Chairman, has gone very fully into the question of London and strongly recommends the acceptance of the offer. Your other Directors, now present in the Colony, have given their serious consideration and, as stated in the circular, have no hesitation in recommending you to accept it. A conditional agreement has been signed which you are now asked to confirm. This agreement has been open for your inspection and some of you have no doubt made yourselves acquainted with the terms. The purchase price works out at \$18 per share and it is not anticipated that there will be any great expense in carrying out the liquidation of the shareholders, who will receive a higher price per share than the shares have ever been quoted at. You will also have the right, should you desire to do so, to subscribe for two shares for every share you hold at the cost of \$1 per share. The staff of the China Borneo Co., are duly protected and their services are to be retained by the new Company on the terms of their present agreement.

The Chairman proposed the following resolution:—That the conditional agreement entered into by the Directors of the Company in the name and on behalf of the Company with Harrison & Crossfield, Ltd., dated the 10th. day of December, 1912, for the sale of the undertaking property and assets of the Company as existing on the 31st. day of December, 1912, subject to its liabilities, for the sum of \$925,000 (eight hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars), and which has been submitted to this meeting, be and the same is hereby ratified and approved and that the Directors be and they are hereby authorized and directed to carry the same into effect with full power to assent to any modifications in the agreement which they may think expedient and in the interests of the Company. Seconded by Sir Paul Chater. Carried unanimously.

The Chairman then proposed:—That the Company be wound up voluntarily and that Ernest Alfred Mountford Williams of the firm of Lowe, Bingham & Matthews of Chartered Bank Building, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, be appointed Liquidator for the purpose of such winding up, and that remuneration as may be arranged between the said Harrison & Crossfield, Ltd., and the Liquidator.

Sir Paul Chater seconded and the resolution was carried unanimously.

THE CIRCULAR LETTER.

The circular letter to shareholders said, in effect:—

As you are aware, this Company has the right under the powers contained in its Memorandum of Association to sell its undertaking and assets, and under its Articles of Association its Directors have power to do what is necessary to carry such sale into effect, but the Directors consider that in a matter of this importance the shareholders should be fully consulted, and, in the agreement which has been executed by them, the sale has, therefore, been expressly made subject to and conditional upon, the approval of this Company's shareholders.

The Directors have no hesitation whatever in recommending this sale, because, as you know, although this Company is at present successful, and is paying dividends, the resources are not great, and now that the war is over, the British North Borneo Company are anxious to develop and exploit their unutilized timber resources as much as possible and, as a result of this, it is quite probable that should the present agreement not go through other Companies will be formed with far larger resources than this Company possesses and that competition (which has not been serious up to now) may have a very adverse effect upon the interests of the Company, which even an increase of its present capital would probably fail to rectify.

Under the terms of the agreement, the purchaser will pay a cash consideration of \$855,000 and will acquire the whole undertaking and assets of this Company as existing on the 31st. December, 1912, excepting only therefrom the sum of \$52,500 in cash already applied in payment to the shareholders of this Company of the dividend and bonus for the year 1912 of \$1.50 and 60 cents per share respectively, and will also take over all the debts, liabilities and obligations of this Company incurred since the date last above mentioned in the ordinary course of its business. The agreement also provides that the sale is to be subject to the approval of the shareholders, who are asked to consider, shall be completed on the 31st. December, 1912. The purchaser also (under the agreement) take over all the employees of this Company on the same terms as those upon which such employees are now employed and give to this Company's shareholders the right to subscribe (to the extent of two shares of the nominal value of \$1 (one pound) each) for shares in the new Company, which the purchaser proposes to form and incorporate under the English Companies Act for the purpose of taking over the rights held by this Company and further rights which they have obtained.

A suggestion that this Company's assets should be sold for shares in a new Company was abandoned, as in such a case shareholders living in Hongkong would be compelled to pay English income tax.

Consequently both the Directors of this Company and the purchaser consider that the arrangement mentioned above is most advantageous for all concerned.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT THE SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The Seamen's Institute Concert was held on Saturday evening, and was a great success. A large audience of naval and merchant seamen attended, and were delighted with the programme given. The Purple Pierrots made their first public appearance, and their tricky and tasty costumes and delightful songs, some with dances, were well received. The following artists made up the Pierrots: The Misses Jack, Gifford and Brown, and Messrs. Hillier, Marcus-Hayes and Percy Oliver. A sketch, entitled "Mr. Fitz-W," finished up a good evening. The characters were taken by Miss Jack, Miss F. M. Rosser, Miss Amy Gordon and Messrs. Hillier, Marcus-Hayes and Percy Oliver. A happy and joyous evening passed too quickly. If the artists could have heard, as the writer did, the remarks passed by the audience, they would have been well pleased to have heard of their efforts in producing a bright and lively show which are at the best, ham-drum.

Great thanks are due also to Mr. F. A. Hillier, who acted as accompanist, and to the String Band, who at intervals gave entertaining selections.

"VANITY FAIR" COMPANY'S FAREWELL PERFORMANCE.

There will be a special performance of "Vanity Fair" on Saturday next at the Theatre Royal. An attractive programme has been arranged to include a few of the most popular items in the repertoire, as well as many new ones. This will be the forerunner of the final farewell season here. The company proceed to Canton on Monday next and return on the following Thursday for the final three nights of the season.

The plan is now open at Monty's and early application for seats is advisable in view of the unavoidably short season.

SPORT.

CRICKET.

HOLIDAY MATCH.

GARRISON v. NAVY.

Some interesting cricket was witnessed on the Hongkong G.C. ground yesterday when the Garrison commenced their match against the Navy. The Navy had their strongest team out, and proved to be quite a match for the strong Garrison eleven. The Garrison eleven included Colonel Humphrey, Lieut.-Col. Coles and Lieut. Bryson in place of Major Bowen, Major Middlemas and Major Oliver, who had played in the match against the Hongkong G.C. The batting of the side, was, of course, appreciably weakened by the absence of Major Bowen.

The Garrison, taking first knock, sent Coles and Telford in as first representatives, the attack being in the hands of Hastings and Kennett. The first wicket fell cheaply, Telford being caught by Lambert off Kennett's bowling when the score stood at 2. Oliver, who came in next, lost Coles when the score stood at 16. The partnership between Edwards and Oliver was productive of 14 runs, Oliver being yorked by Hastings after he had gathered 13 runs. Edwards, who was playing carefully, stayed in with Davies till the score rose to 53, being then given out leg before wicket to Hastings. Davies and Swinburn were in the fortunes of the side improved considerably. Both batsmen hit out freely and it was not till he had scored 23 runs was Swinburn caught in the outfield off Kennett. Wyndham was bowled off the very first delivery he faced from Hastings. Davies played a very creditable innings indeed, although he gave at least two possible catches. His powerful drive on the off were much admired. The tail was weak but steadily and the total reached 157. Hastings and Kennett bowled very consistently, the former sending down 19 overs in succession.

The Navy started badly, losing Greig, one of their best bats, when the score was 1. Lieut. Jones was bowled by Bryson when 11 more runs had been obtained. Holborn and Franks took the score to 43 when the latter was bowled by Davies. Robinson and Holborn in partnership made things hum, Holborn making 29 runs very confidently. He was out, and when Robinson was joined by Hastings, the runs continued to come steadily. The pair, in turning a ball to leg, twisted a muscle and the game was interrupted for a while when he was being attended to. The next to get out was Robinson, who had given a first class display of cricket. Edwards and Swinburn both made big catches from a run. The Navy tail turned out trumps. Dolphin, Caswell and Lambert all batted well and the total, which had been 148 at the fall of the sixth wicket, reached 210 before Lambert was out to a beautiful one-handed catch by Davies.

With 30 minutes of play left, the Garrison commenced their second innings. The batting was exceedingly monotonous; six runs were scored in seven overs. The match will be continued at 11 a.m. today.

YESTERDAY'S SCORES:

1st Innings.				
Lieut.-Col. Coles, b Kennett.....	5			
Col. M.E. Telford, c Lambert, b Kennett.....	2			
Capt. Oliver, A. Hastings.....	18			
Major Edwards, b Hastings.....	16			
Capt. Davies, b Kennett.....	63			
Lieut. Swinburn, c Franks, b Kennett.....	23			
Lieut.-Col. Wyndham, b Hastings.....	0			
Col. Humphrey, b Davies, b Hastings.....	10			
Lieut. Bryson, b Hastings.....	5			
Lieut. Bevan, c and b Kennett.....	6			
Lieut. Claxson, not out.....	1			
Extras.....	5			
Total.....	157			

Bowling Analysis.				
Hastings.....	21	7	73	5
Kennett.....	15.3	3	63	5
Lambert.....	6	0	21	0

ROYAL NAVY.

1st Innings.				
Lieut.-Comdr. Greig, b Davies.....	2			
Lieut. Franks, b Davies.....	12			
Lieut. Jones, b Bryson.....	17			
Pay-Lt. Comdr. Holborn, b Davies.....	23			
Pay-Lt. Robinson, c Bryson, b Davies.....	24			
Extras.....	10			
Total.....	98			

Bowling Analysis.				
Davies.....	21.4	2	75	4
Bryson.....	9	1	43	1
Dillon.....	4	0	36	0
Edwards.....	12	0	53	4

GARRISON.

2nd Innings.				
Lieut.-Col. Coles, not out.....	8			
Lieut. Bevan, not out.....	3			
Total (for no wickets).....	11			

UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL.

The following will represent the University against the "Preston" on New Year Day, starting at 10 a.m. on University ground:—Mr. S. E. Kew (Captain), A. H. Bingham, A. J. Kew, Yew Man, Tsui, Geo. A. Y. Hall, Ho Wing Kin, J. M. Jack, Chon Man Ping, W. Hall Wong, Foo Hon and J. C. Barry.

POLICE PARAGRAPHS.

FATAL FALL FROM BUNK.

A Chinese met with his death at a Club-house on Saturday night under unusual circumstances. He was lying in his bunk, which was twelve feet from the ground, and accidentally rolled over. He sustained concussion of the brain and died while being removed to hospital.

MURDER.

A Chinese woman, resident in 4, West End Terrace, has reported to the Police that some person broke into her house, through the skylight on Christmas Day, and stole jewellery and money to the total value of \$1,300.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY.

A Chinese visited the Stag Hotel on Christmas night and met with an unpleasant experience. He was smoking opium when two men accosted him and tried to gag him. The man struggled and raised an alarm. His assailants immediately disappeared. One man has been since arrested.

A QUEER STORY.

A Chinese, who wished to have his fortune told, went to a friend who was a fortune-teller. This man introduced him to another fortune-teller and the three adjourned to a restaurant for refreshment. He was then given a cup of tea, and a few minutes later was overcome by a splitting headache. The two fortune-tellers stole \$31 from his pockets and departed.

NINE HOURS IN THE WATER.

A steersman of a licensed trading junk of 350 piculs capacity, has reported to the Police that on the 25th instant his junk sailed from An Tzu, Chinese territory, to San Tze Mun. On the way the junk broke and the boat capsized. One of his folk was drowned, while the rest clung to the stern of the junk which drifted for over nine hours. The men were subsequently picked up by another junk. The value of the boat and the cargo, a consignment of wood, was valued at \$300.

FATAL RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

A Chinese was run over by a train at Sun Chun and was killed.

AN ASTUTE PAWNBROKER.

HOW A THIEF WAS CAUGHT.

Through the astuteness of a pawnbroker, a thief was arrested on Friday evening. It appears that a Chinese youth went to the pawnbroker's shop and offered a watch, commanding \$20 for it. The master of the shop asked him where the watch had been obtained. The youth replied that he had purchased it for \$25. "But it is worth \$30," observed the broker, and then telephoned to the Police. Enquiries were made and it was discovered that the youth, who was a Jew in a wine-shop, had been sent to a Japanese firm to collect old bottles. He had taken the watch, which was lying on a dressing table, without anybody being aware of it.

The youth was charged with the theft at the Magistrate's Court yesterday, and sentenced to two months' hard labour.

STOWAWAYS.

A PLAUSIBLE TALE.

At the Magistrate's yesterday, four well-dressed Chinese were charged with attempting to stow away on the steamer "Apsara," bound for Singapore. Sergeant Fitch stated that the men were discovered in a dark corner of the forepeak of the vessel.

Defendants stated that they were invited on board by the Assistant Comptroller of the vessel, who promised them tickets when the vessel sailed.

Mr. R. Judah of the P. & O. Company stated that the "comptroller" on the vessel were not authorized to sell passenger tickets on board.

Mr. Wood fined each defendant \$75.

MANAGER ABSCONDS.

\$10,000 STOLEN.

The Chinese manager of a store at No. 6, Connaught Road, has absconded with \$10,000 belonging to the firm. When the man did not appear at the store on Wednesday it was at first supposed that he was ill. Enquiries at his residence, however, elicited the fact that the man had absconded. The books were audited and \$10,000 were found to be missing. The Police have been notified.

UNITED SERVICES FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

A meeting of the United Services Football League was held yesterday evening at the R.G.A. headquarters. Master Gunner King presided over an attendance of the representatives of the different military teams, who have signified their intention of entering the League.

A letter was read from the Hongkong Football Club, applying for admission to the League. It was decided that only service teams should be admitted to the League this season.

The League season will commence on January 14th. Two matches will be played every Wednesday and Saturday.

On January 14th the King's Own Regiment will meet the R.G.A. on the Military ground, and "A" will play "Amoy" at the Naval ground.

On January 15th the "Amoy" will meet the R.G.A. on the Military ground, and "B" will play "Amoy" at the Naval ground.

All matches will commence at 4 p.m. sharp.

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MANILA.

THE above-mentioned vessel having arrived from the above-mentioned Ports, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their cargo will be landed at their risk into the Godowns and/or extra Godowns of the Hongkong and Shanghai Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., and stored at Consignees' risk.

Consignees of cargo are hereby notified that they must produce an Import Permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading can be countersigned.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Jan. 3rd, at 10 A.M., and Jan. 5th, at 10 A.M.

All claims must be presented within a month of the Steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognized.

No claim will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after Jan. 5th, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.
Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature immediately.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
J. ORAN SHEPARD,
Agent.

Hongkong, December 28th, 1919. [1738]

NOTICE

SUN LIFE ASSURANCE CO.
OF CANADA

FROM and after JANUARY 1st, 1920, the Office of the above Company will be located at

MARINE HOUSE,
18, Queen's Road Central, First Floor,
(above Calbeck Macgregor's).
F. M. WILDER,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, December 28th, 1919. [1738]

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL SHOW OF FLOWERS AND VEGETABLES will be held in the BOTANIC GARDENS, on THURSDAY and FRIDAY, JANUARY 2nd and 3rd.

The full schedule of classes and programme will shortly be issued to Members.
Residents who are interested in Horticulture and are already Members of the Society are invited to communicate with the Hon. Secretary.

H. B. L. DOWDING,
18, Chater Road.

Hongkong, December 28th, 1919. [1738]

SALE BY TENDER OF H.M.S. "HYDRANGEA"

TENDERS are invited for the purchase of the above named ship with Engines and Boilers and various auxiliary machinery on board.

Full particulars of the ship and conditions of sale may be obtained on application to the undersigned, or to the British Naval Agent at Shanghai or to the British Naval General Staff Officer at Singapore. Permits to view the ship and forms of tender of application only to the undersigned.

A deposit is required before forms of tender can be issued.
The vessel will be on view from the first to the 31st January, 1920, inclusive between the hours of 10 A.M. and 4 P.M. and tenders must reach the Commodore's Office, Hongkong, not later than 12 Noon on MONDAY, February 16th, 1920.

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E. G. LOWE,
Naval Stores Officer,
Hongkong.

[1893]

BRITISH MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATIONS

TENDERS REQUIRED FOR ELECTRICAL SUPPLY.

THE Council hereby invites Tenders for the supply of TURBO-ALTERNATORS, specifications for which, and all particulars in connection, can be obtained on application to the undersigned.

The Council reserves the right to accept the whole or part of any Tender, and does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any Tender, or to pay any expenses which the Tenderers may incur in Tendering.

By Order,
J. L. LYNES,
Secretary.

Tenison, December 14th, 1919. [1738]

INTIMATIONS

BANK HOLIDAYS

IN accordance with Ordinances No. 1 of 1919, the EXCHANGE BANK will be CLOSED for the transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY, JANUARY 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, 1920.
Hongkong, December 24th, 1919. [1738]

REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

A BALL will be held on the Evening of the 1st of JANUARY, 1920, commencing at 8.15 P.M.
Tickets including buffet supper can be obtained at the HONGKONG HOTEL, Main Office at \$3 per head.
Dinner will not be served at the REPULSE BAY HOTEL on the Opening Night.
J. H. TAGGART,
Manager.

[1705]

NOTICE

REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

IN order to enable the Contractors to complete the work in connection with the above Hotel at the earliest possible date without interruption, and in order to avoid all possibility of damage to the Flooring, Tiles, Paint Work, etc., the public are requested to kindly abstain from visiting the Hotel on and from this date until its completion and formal opening of which due Notice will be given by Advertisement in the Local Newspapers.

The Management of the Hotel feel sure that they may rely upon the ready co-operation of the public in the foregoing regard.

Dated this Sixth day of November, 1919.
For THE HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LTD.
Proprietors of the REPULSE BAY HOTEL.
J. H. TAGGART,
Manager.

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THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-SECOND ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHISON & COMPANY, LIMITED, on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1st, 1920, at 11 o'clock A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Account for the year ending 31st December, 1919.

THE RECEIPT OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, JANUARY 1st, to WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14th, 1920, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON ROOPER,
Secretary to
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.,
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Hongkong, December 24th, 1919. [1734]

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On view day of sale.

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HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (For Account of the Concerned), ON WEDNESDAY, December 31st, 1919, commencing at 12 Noon at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street:

One Pointer Dog, 8 months old, AND
One Fox Terrier Bitch, 3 months old.
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HUGHES & HOUGH,
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Double hemstitched Sheet, 100 in. x 60 in.; Table Cloth, Turkish Towel, 100 in. x 60 in.; Towels, Embroidered Bedspreads and Table Covers.

AND
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"FINDING HIS MANHOOD."

When thrones were crumbling in Europe under the shattering influences of the Great War, there was never any fear for the security of the British Throne, broad based as it is, in Tennyson's phrase, on the people's will. We recall that General Smuts, in one of the most noteworthy of the many speeches delivered by him during his stay in London, availed himself of an opportunity afforded by a current news topic to point out that loyalty to the Throne was a factor of immense importance to the Empire, saying, in effect, that the British confederation as we have it to-day would be impossible without the central idea of the Throne.

"In moments' reflection makes the conclusion so obvious that we need not argue the subject. It is only necessary to consider what would be the likely attitude of the other 'free nations of the Commonwealth' if Great Britain became a Republic, electing its President and still claiming to exercise any sort of control or influence over the affairs of younger nations overseas embraced in the imperial confederation. The vital importance of the Monarchy to the existence of the Empire is recognized in every part of the King's dominions, and there is happily no doubt whatever that the sentiments of loyalty to the Throne are as strong in what we have been accustomed to call the Colonies as it is in the Mother country.

We are led to these reflections by the very noteworthy speech delivered the other day by the PRINCE OF WALES on the occasion of the reception accorded to His Royal Highness by the City of London upon his return from a tour in Canada and a brief visit to the United States, when the PRINCE MINISTERS took occasion to emphasize that the Throne "united the varying laws, languages, institutions and peoples of the Empire." No task of this unity could be more severe than that imposed by the Great War, and all the

world knows full well how splendidly every part of the British Dominions stood that test—how conspicuously the multitude of races united in giving the strongest possible proofs of their common loyalty to the Throne. Throughout the war there was nothing but admiration for the bearing of His Majesty THE KING and the members of the Royal Family. In the war the PRINCE OF WALES "found his manhood," as he himself has expressed it, and won in a special degree the affection of the people of the Empire. It was an admirable idea that the Heir to the Throne should, after the war, begin to prepare himself for his future responsibilities by paying a visit to one of the great overseas Dominions. The visit of His Royal Highness to Canada was a great success in every way. No one who was in Canada at the time, or has been there since, can have any doubt about the genuine character of the very cordial welcome which was extended to him; and if anything could heighten the admiration for the Prince which his tour evoked among the people of Canada it is assuredly to be found in the sentiments so admirably expressed by the PRINCE in his recent speech at the Guildhall, in which he spoke as though he fully shared what we may call the Dominion point of view regarding their position in the imperial confederation.

"The people of the Old Country," the PRINCE emphasised, "must realise that the patriotism of the Dominions is national patriotism, not mere loyalty to the world-wide British system of life and government, and, above all, loyalty to the British Empire, of which Britain like the Dominions is only one part." He felt the inspiration of this great idea throughout the tour, he said, while he also learned that the loyalty of the Dominions was in a very special sense loyalty to the Crown, which represented the unity of the Empire. Moreover, His Royal Highness confessed that he had returned "with a clearer idea of what was meant by the British Empire, of what was more appropriately called the British Commonwealth," and said he looked forward keenly to visiting, in the near future, the other Dominions, where he knew he would feel equally at home.

The results of the PRINCE's first tour justify the PRINCE MINISTERS' belief that the PRINCE's visit to Canada and the other Dominions "would act like a tonic in its powerful and invigorating effect." The PRINCE has "found his manhood" on the threshold of an era of important change and development in the social and political life of the various peoples of the Empire, and the understanding and frank sympathy with popular aspirations which have found expression in the public speeches recently made by His Royal Highness manifestly make for the long continuance of the attachment of the British people to their Royal House. The reference in the recent Guildhall speech to the social, industrial and economic problems facing the Old Country made an appeal which will not be forgotten when he said that Great Britain's duty now is to "strive wholeheartedly towards the goal of happier conditions of life, ensuring that every man and woman in the country enjoy the just proceeds of their labour, and every child born into the country have a fair sporting chance. The problems could only be solved by common sense and goodwill." It was a remarkable appeal for the Heir to the Throne to make at the Guildhall, and must obviously carry weight with the men on whom the duty of solving these problems will largely rest.

A Chinese was fined \$2 at the Magistrate's yesterday, for selling human hair without a licence.

Mr. A. E. Paine, of Messrs. Montrose & Co., will be leaving for Shanghai shortly on transfer.

Mr. G. Otten, the new manager of the local branch of the Java-China-Japan Lijn, has arrived in the Colony.

We are asked to state that the Royal Naval Quadrille Club will hold their Tuesday dance as usual this week.

One case (one death) of diphtheria and one case (one death) of small-pox were reported in the Colony during the five days which ended on Sunday.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mine for the week ending December 13th amounted to 94,000 tons and the sales to 94,192 tons.

A motor-car accident is reported to have occurred at Yauwatti a few days ago when a ricksha was smashed to matchwood. Fortunately nobody was injured.

Mr. Alexander Mackenzie has had to undergo an operation in the Peak Hospital, but, we are glad to learn, is progressing as favourably as can be expected.

In the course of a long debate in the House of Commons, on November 17th, on the subject of Great Britain's policy in regard to Russia, Col. Ward quoted extensively from the Hongkong Daily Press, with acknowledgments.

The road round the Island is almost ready. The section from Repulse Bay to Stanley will be open for traffic on New Year Day and the remainder of the road, from Stanley to Shaikwan, will be ready for traffic within a short time.

The Indian merchants of Hongkong and other civilian members of the Indian community are to hold a meeting at the office of Mr. H. M. H. Namazee at 11 a.m. on New Year's Day to consider how they should celebrate locally the passing of the Government of India Bill.

Mr. R. Negre has received a cable announcing the death of his brother, Mr. Alfred Negre, at Marseilles. Mr. Alfred Negre, who was only thirty, had been for over three years at the Front with the French Colonial Army, was wounded twice and decorated with the Croix de Guerre. He was Consul for China at Marseilles and managing partner of the firm of L. Negre.

The Fire Brigade were called out on Sunday night to put out a fire at Shaikwan. When the Brigade reached the scene the fire had been extinguished. It appears that a quantity of resin, which, as a result of a fire some time ago, had spread round some rocks on the foreshore, burst into flame through a lighted match being carelessly thrown on it. The military authorities immediately telephoned to the Fire Brigade, instead of to the Shaikwan Police, who remained in blissful ignorance till the arrival of the Brigade.

WEDDING IN HONGKONG.

TAYLOR—EUNANSON.

The wedding took place on Saturday afternoon, at St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road, of Mr. Arthur John Collins Taylor, of the Hongkong Police, and Miss Theresa Mary Kathleen Eunanson, daughter of Mrs. M. Williamson and the late Inspector Eunanson. The Church was very tastefully decorated for the occasion, and was quite filled with a gathering of the friends of the two parties. The Rev. Father Augustine officiated.

The bride, who was given away by Mr. J. H. Taggart, wore a dress of figured marquette and satin trimmed with new lace composed of seed pearls and opalescent beads. Her train was of the same marquette, finished with white silk tassels. She carried a handsome bouquet of white chrysanthemums. The little Misses Patricia and Ellen Hynes, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hynes, made a winsome pair of bridesmaids. They wore pretty dresses of pale blue oriental embroidered georgette trimmed with seed pearls. Mr. Andrews, of the Police, acted as best man.

A reception at the Hongkong Hotel, followed the ceremony. Mr. Taggart proposed the health of the bride and bridegroom.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor left amid showers of confetti for Canton, where the honeymoon is being spent. They were the recipients of a large number of handsome and useful presents.

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LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH RUSSIA'S AGENCY.]

DISTURBED EGYPT.

FIGHTING IN THE VICINITY OF TOMBÉ.

LONDON, December 27th.

The Times correspondent at Cairo states that, in view of the restlessness displayed by various tribes in the Sudan, which had attacked British posts near Tombé, killing twelve, Major White, commanding an equatorial battalion, re-commenced from Tombé.

He was attacked on December 15th by a large force of the Aliab tribe who were repelled after severe hand to hand fighting and heavy enemy losses. Our losses were 7 killed and 9 wounded.

Major White was joined by Major Stigand, Governor of Mongalla Province, with half a company, and has proceeded to clear up the country.

The details are unknown but a mutilated telegram dated December 13th has been received, reporting that 1,000 of the enemy, on December 8th, attacked the advanced guard of the column. Fierce hand to hand fighting ensued.

Major White and Major Stigand, 22 rankers and four carriers, were killed. The enemy was driven off.

The column returned to Tombé with the wounded and the baggage.

INDIAN FRONTIER FIGHTING.

SUBDUING OF THE WAZIRIS.

LONDON, December 26th.

It is now confirmed that the enemy losses on December 21st, were over 200 Mahauds and 30 Waziris killed.

Some sections of the Yochi Waziris have failed to comply with the terms imposed by the date fixed.

According to unconfirmed reports, the Wana Waziris are returning home owing to shortage of rations.

Gangs of Khagada, 300 strong, looted Brahmand on December 21st. Some of the raiders were killed.

PETROLEUM.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN FRENCH AND BRITISH PREMIERS.

PARIS, December 26th.

A Havas message says:—

A Note issued in Paris says that various arrangements with a view to continuous Franco-British co-operation regarding petroleum were made by the French Liquid Fuel Controller, subject to ratification by the Premiers of France and Great Britain.

THE MESOPOTAMIAN OIL WELLS.

PARIS, December 26th.

A Havas message says:—

M. Bertholot, Director of the French Foreign Office, has concluded his conversations on Turkey with the British Ministers, one of the main objects of his visit being to discuss the agreement between the respective Governments as to the disposal of the Mesopotamian oil wells.

The French Government would be glad to be given possession of part of the oil properties.

DUTCH BORNEO.

NOT TO BE CEDED TO BRITAIN.

THE HAGUE, December 27th.

It is semi-officially stated that the report that Holland is about to cede Dutch Borneo to Great Britain is entirely without foundation.

AVIATION.

CAPTAIN HOWELL'S BODY RECOVERED.

LONDON, December 27th.

The body of the aviator, Captain Howell, was recovered and buried at Corfu. The mechanic's body has not yet been found.

CAPTAIN ROSS SMITH ABANDONS FLIGHT.

BRISBANE, December 27th.

Captain Ross Smith abandoned the Trans-Australian flight at Chandlerville, Queensland, owing to a crank-arm breakage.

DRY AMERICA.

FATALITIES THROUGH DRINKING WOOD ALCOHOL.

NEW YORK, December 26th.

The latest figures show that at least 137 have died and 140 are blind and in danger of dying as a result of drinking wood alcohol since the introduction of Prohibition.

ENFORCING THE TREATY.

CONFERENCES IN VERSAILLES NEXT WEEK.

PARIS, December 26th.

Conferences between the Allied and German delegates with a view to the adoption of preparatory administrative measures for enforcing the Treaty of Versailles will commence at the beginning of next week.

General Lerond presides over the Allied delegation and Herr Simson over the German delegation.

The British and Italian delegates are expected in Paris on Monday.

GERMANY MUST FIRST SIGN THE PROTOCOL.

PARIS, December 26th.

The Allies have replied to the German Note, insisting upon the signature of the protocol in its present form and reaffirming Allied readiness to reduce the amount of floating material to form the Scapa Flow indemnity if it is shown that the vital economic interests justify such a reduction.

Nevertheless, the reply points out that the Allies have learned that floating docks, cranes and tugs have been recently sold, and gives notice, in view of the economic position of Germany as stated by the German delegates, that the Allies will not recognise such sales.

The Note rejects the German proposal to substitute for the five small cruisers mentioned in the protocol five others under construction.

It states that directly the protocol is signed all the German officers and men interned as a result of the Scapa Flow affair will be liberated except those charged with war crimes.

AMERICA AND THE PEACE TREATY.

HOPES OF A COMPROMISE.

PARIS, December 26th.

A Havas message says:—

Paris circles hope that the United States' compromise making the ratification of the Treaty of Versailles possible, will be accepted soon. The compromise is based on the programme of Reservations called the Lodge Programme which will be accepted by the Democrats.

THE SCAPA FLOW SINKINGS.

GERMAN WARSHIPS TO BE BLOWN UP.

LONDON, December 26th.

The National News states that it has been decided that the German warships scuttled in the Scapa Flow shall be blown up early next year in the presence of an Allied Naval Commission.

PUNISHMENT OF WAR CRIMINALS.

GERMAN STEEL MAGNATE IMPRISONED.

AMSTERDAM, December 27th.

The German steel magnate, Roehling, was court-martialled on a charge of destroying great ironworks in Eastern France, and sentenced to ten years' imprisonment and a fine of 240,000.

REPARATION AND INDEMNITY.

GERMANY CAN AND WILL PAY.

NEW YORK, December 27th.

The German Finance Minister, interviewed by an American journalist, declared that Germany can and will pay within a year twenty billion marks as reparation and indemnity.

EX-GERMAN SHIPS RETURNED.

BY DIRECTION OF PRESIDENT WILSON.

WASHINGTON, December 26th.

By the direction of President Wilson, the seven ex-German ships loaned to the United States after the Armistice, namely, the *Graf Waldersee*, the *Zeppelin*, the *Pretoria*, the *Cape Finisterre*, the *Mobile*, the *Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm* and the *Agueria Augusta Victoria*, have been returned to Britain.

AMERICAN RAILWAYS.

TO BE RETURNED TO PRIVATE OWNERSHIP.

WASHINGTON, December 26th.

President Wilson has announced that the railroads will be returned to private ownership on March 1st.

"GAY PARADE"

PRICES SOARING WITHOUT A CHECK.

PARIS, December 26th.

A Havas message says:—

Paris is revelling in its heart's content and prices are soaring very high without a check on the merry-makers all over Paris.

PROFITTEERING IN FRANCE.

SUGAR RATION MAY BE REDUCED.

PARIS, December 26th.

The Food Controller issues a warning that the temporary reduction of the sugar ration will be necessary at an early date in order to defeat what appears to be concerted action on the part of producers to take advantage of the general position by raising the prices for early deliveries no less than six or seven times the pre-war level.

FLOODS IN ALSACE.

EXTENSIVE DAMAGE REPORTED.

PARIS, December 26th.

The floods in Alsace are assuming alarming dimensions. The low-lying country near Strasbourg is nothing but an enormous lake. Extensive damage is reported. Many villages are completely inundated. Iron bridges have been swept away. Railway traffic is interrupted in almost the whole of the Vosges Valley. Several people have been drowned.

BIG FIRE AT MARSEILLES.

RAILWAY STATION DESTROYED.

MARSEILLES, December 26th.

The railway station has been destroyed by a fire. The damage is estimated at several million francs.

MARRIAGE EPIDEMIC IN FRANCE.

RECORDS BROKEN AT LILLE.

PARIS, December 26th.

A Havas message says:—

People are getting married everywhere in France.

In pre-war times the marriage average at Lille was 2,300 annually; this year it has increased to 4,000.

EARL GREY.

DEPARTURE FROM NEW YORK.

LONDON, December 26th.

Earl Grey sails from New York on January 3rd.

BOLSHEVISM.

ODESSA BEING EVACUATED.

CONSTANTINOPLE, December 27th.

Owing to the rapid advance of the Bolsheviks, the civilian population is beginning to evacuate Odessa.

DOCKERS' WAGES.

DEMAND FOR 16s. DAY 44-HOUR WEEK.

An application for a general revision of dockers' wages, with a view to establishing a national minimum standard, was forwarded by the National Transport Workers' Federation to all employers of dock and water-side labour in Great Britain on October 15th. With it was an application for various alterations in working conditions and an invitation to the employers to attend a national conference to discuss the proposals. It is suggested by the Transport Workers' Federation that the National Negotiating Committee, which drafted the 44-hour agreement should act as convenors of the Conference.

The demands include a minimum for day workers and piece workers of 16s. per day on the basis of the national agreement for the 44-hour week. The application also asks for a payment of time and a half for overtime, with a minimum of four hours, and that men working after 4.30 or 9 p.m. shall be paid a full night's wages. Other provisions in the application include: "While men work on regular shift work, not less than time and a half to be paid for the second shift, and in the case of piece workers, rate and a half; Saturday afternoons and Sundays up to starting time on Mondays to be paid for at not less than double time, at day or overtime rates, steps to be taken to secure the reduction of overtime to reasonable lengths, and systematic overtime to be abolished. Where men work on the basis of two shifts in succession they shall not be permitted to recommence work for 24 hours, or two shifts, from the time of ceasing; permanent men shall have their wages adjusted in order that they shall be in the same relation to casuals as existed prior to the establishment of the 44-hour working week or the signing of the new national agreement; where overtime conditions are outlined in the present proposals, vary with local conditions and are found after local negotiation to be impracticable, districts to be given power to vary the proposals, provided that the total amount paid for overtime shall not be less than herein proposed."

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

AMERICAN PROTEST AGAINST VICKERS' CONTRACT.

PEKING, December 26th.

The American Legation has lodged a protest with the Foreign Office regarding the Vickers' aeroplane contract—a provision of which gives the company preference in such supplies for ten years—as being contrary to the principle of "equal opportunity."

FRENCH PROTEST AGAINST AMERICAN LOAN.

PEKING, December 26th.

The French Legation has protested to the Foreign Office against the American Loan, which is secured on the surplus of the Wine and Tobacco revenue, as an infringement of the rights of the Banque Industrielle de Chine which were obtained during Yuan Shih-kai's presidency.

NEW CHINESE-ITALIAN BANK.

PEKING, December 26th.

A Sino-Italian Bank will be opened in Peking in the former German Hospital.

ANOTHER LOAN NEEDED BY CHINESE GOVERNMENT.

PEKING, December 26th.

A Presidential mandate promulgates the Budget for the eighth year of the Republic passed by Parliament, also a special Budget for the Railway, Telegraph, Postal and Navigation Departments for the eighth year.

The President states that, as the receipts are not sufficient to cover the expenditure, another Bill has been recently submitted to Parliament requesting that the Government be allowed to raise an additional loan of six million (dollars) in order to relieve the financial difficulty.

DEATH OF EX-PRESIDENT FENG.

The ex-President Feng Tso-chang died yesterday.

CHINESE AERIAL SERVICE.

SHANGHAI, December 26th.

Colonel Smallwood, who is now engaged in defining the flying route of aeroplanes to the Chinese Government, has arrived at Shanghai to select a landing field for aeroplanes. Plans are progressing for passenger and postal air lines to Peking, Hongkong, and other cities. An extensive commercial service is being planned.

FOR PEACE IN CHINA.

SHANGHAI, December 26th.

It is believed that the Chinese Peace Conference will be resumed during the early part of the new year. General Lu Yang-ting has decided to join hands with Tang Shao-yi for the sake of immediate peace. A deputy has been despatched to Shanghai to open negotiations. Peking is starving hard for peace.

JOINT ACTION IN SIBERIA.

NEW YORK, December 27th.

A telegram from Vladivostok, dated December 16th, says that the Japanese Official Publicity Bureau announces that the United States and Japan have reached common ground on which joint action in Siberia will be based.

CHINESE MINISTER'S HOLIDAY OVER.

NICE, December 26th.

The Chinese Minister to Britain has returned to London.

SIBERIA AND FURS.

WASHINGTON, December 26th.

The State Department has been asked by American fur importers to urge the Japanese Government and General Semenov to permit purchased furs to leave Siberia instead of confining them for alleged military purposes and reselling them to the Japanese.

CHINESE DEMAND FOR SILVER.

PEKING, December 26th.

Major H. H. H. report says the silver market is fairly well supplied, and that the Chinese demand for silver is not so great as it was during the last year. The demand for silver continues to be met by silver dollars from America.

WOMEN IN HONGKONG.

Christmas festivities are over, and we have a few days for rest and contemplation before another wild rush of farewell to the old and welcome to the New Year.

Events in connection with these celebrations loom alarmingly and I tremble to think of the general state of tempers and livers next Monday.

We badly need a little breathing space. It really has been amusing to observe the after-effects on one's large circle of acquaintances. There has been a lot of yawning and surreptitious shut-eye, in the Peak Tram.

Quite a number of men went to their offices on Saturday morning. The environment seemed in contemplation to promise more rest than cricket and other clubs or even the home atmosphere with energetic wives and families bent on pleasure. Their hopes were blighted; a heavy mail came in and the peaceful interval turned into a strenuous couple of hours' hard work.

Festivities started quite a while ago with the Masked Ball and Cabaret for France. The organization, thanks to a few earnest workers, was excellent. Considerable surprise was expressed at the absence of most of the members of the committee of the patrons, for if these good people had only played the game and made up parties, as Mrs. Basil Tylour and Mrs. Hay did, the attendance would have been bigger and more general public support assured. It would have been quite easy to make it fashionable to be seen at the Masked Ball and Cabaret, for everyone knows that when Mrs. No. 1 leads Mrs. No. 2 follows.

People do not seem to understand that being on a committee entails something more than just having the honour of publishing one's name in support of a good cause; or that it is "up to them" to justify the position they are supposed to be filling. They might as well go out for all they are worth, for the credit or blame for failure or success is shared by all who give their names as responsible Committee Members.

On Monday there was a monster Christmas Tree at the Peak Hotel, when 100 children, their parents, Santa Claus, gnomes and amuses, assembled to eat, drink and be merry. It was a delightful entertainment—dancing in the Lounge till tea time and later a perfectly gorgeous Tree gaily decked with gleaming silver-gold, and bright-coloured balloons, while the branches bent under the weight of beautiful gifts, which were handed to the children by Santa Claus.

The movements of this benefactor of infant humanity will always remain as a mystery to intelligent children; he seems to be able to get about the world so quickly.

Mystery or no mystery, he was there. Those who doubted the magic surrounding his presence were afterwards introduced to further magic and further mysteries when a couple of clever conjurers, appeared before them on a temporary stage erected in the Lounge. It was delightful to watch the awe and pleasure expressed on all the childish faces, and the spontaneous enthusiasm with which they responded to the call for cheers for Father Xmas, and Mrs. Blair, proposed by Captain Basil Tylour and Mr. Dick Haacock.

I understand that all the children on the Peak are to be asked to give presents to the children of the men of the White-shire regiment, who are to have a Christmas Tree, the first that has been possible for them for some years.

The Garrison Artillery had a Christmas Tree for their children. Some of the officers' wives worked hard to make it a success and the results justified the work and effort.

The P.W.D. Christmas Tree appears to have been a great show, and several private parties were made up for those children who were outside the big organised efforts. Grown-up people have dined and danced and golfed and cricketed through the holidays; some dinners started in fancy costume and some ended in it. This sounds involved, but it is not; modern crackers and masks do not on the spot of the moment create so much of fun, and fancy costumes, designed when the spirit moves—I hear a voice murmuring "What kind of spirit?"—are often infinitely funnier than those on which end less thought has been expended.

It was nice after a rest from newspapers to get them again. We may grouse at the Press, but what a blank there is the morning that your tea comes in without the morning paper.

I wonder if you all noticed the good news on Monday 26th; it really is rather thrilling for women to read that the Sex Disqualification Removal Act has immediately resulted in the appointment of Women Magistrates. One is particularly glad to see that the chief work to begin with will be in the Children's Courts. There, more than anywhere, should a woman's knowledge and particular talents be of extreme benefit. Women police are already an institution in many countries and their work among women children, vagrants and criminals have proved of great value.

Many men profess to fear the encroachment of women into Law Courts. They think our powers of logical argument and unbiased thought are non-existent or poorly developed. We, however, do not share their fears; we have a sublime confidence in our ability and are sure that the world will be a better place when we have a finger in the political-judicial pie. The comfort we offer to our pessimistic male friends is that there was a time, not very long ago, when they too had to fight for freedom and the right to make the laws which favour them. The ruling classes of those days were terribly upset at the thought of the ignorant masses dabbling in affairs of State. You were supposed to have been born in purple before you were credited with brains or reasoning powers and there are even in these enlightened days men who believe that to have been born female instead of male excludes you from the possession of these faculties.

Lady Astor's electioneering speech reproduced in the *Daily Press* of December 26th is another landmark in the progress of women. It was a credit to our sex and showed that women were genuine when they professed to be fighting for the advancement and betterment of the conditions of women and children, when they asked for political rights. The whole principle of the struggle for women's suffrage is comprised in her words: "I have a great desire to help my sex and a determination to do my part in making this world (which so many give their lives for) a better and cleaner place in every way for all men." Of course, you see that by then she means the race. Every word she spoke was sane and sensible and full of honest endeavour to stand or fall by her principles. She would not bind herself to follow blindly the lead of her party. "I am grateful to my head and to the wisest heads and shall be guided by both head and heart and instinct. If you want a party hack, don't elect me." Lady Astor has the eyes of the British Empire upon her as the first woman to be a member of Parliament in Great Britain. "If she lives up to her principles and her speech all that we have hoped for in our women candidates will be realized." We have always felt that if we were given scope, our common sense, our hearts and our instincts would make for greater independence and greater loyalty to our principles than is common in the majority of politicians. We believe also that our spirit of humanity is bigger and more sympathetic than men's, that we are better able to feel the wants of the race, through being the mothers of the race, nourishing and rearing the young in infancy, through watching the development of our children, and through the maternal instinct, which desires to protect and save and cleanse all instincts which we firmly believe is born in every decent woman. It is a triumph for the suffragists that the first woman elected should be a wife and mother, and we must all rejoice that the circumstances which made for the success of this election were at the disposal of a woman so eminently suited to take on the responsibility of being the first of her sex to invade the sacred portals.

THE SUEZ CANAL.

December 26th.

THE COMMITTEE OF THE SUEZ CANAL, which is now in the process of making a report to the Egyptian Government, has decided to recommend that the Canal should be placed under the control of the Egyptian Government, and that the Egyptian Government should make a grant of 21,000,000 for this purpose, and be instructed to advance made by the Government to the Anglo-Persian Oil Company as a present.

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Alfonso of Spain is a human king. This is contrary to precedent, for the Kings of Spain are expected to be mere soulless automata. The secret pride of every Spaniard is that his country is at least two hundred years behind the times in everything outside the world of business. When Alfonso came to the throne he found a conservative Court that was so far behind the age that it was almost petrified.

It is hard to enjoy life in the middle of a perpetual funeral. Alfonso set to work and revolutionized the Court. He declared firmly that he was capable of putting on his own clothes and abolished the office of Hereditary Grand Pantaloon. Worse followed. He smoked cigarettes at breakfast, and the Grandee of the Table retired, a broken man, to collect majolica in Minorca.

People were scandalized, but Alfonso made his point. He could be dignified and regal whenever it was needed, but he had a right to a certain amount of time of duty, and at that time he was going to enjoy himself.

The news spread through Spain, and even the leading Liberals (who are prone to propagate their principles with bombs) admitted that Alfonso was rather a good sort. They also discovered that the King himself disliked the reactionary Court party in Spanish politics rather more than they did themselves. Alfonso was justified, for the Court party desired to restrain his personal liberty in the shackles of tradition. If they had secured their way he would have had to play his afternoon game of tennis in his field-marshal's uniform.

Alfonso, being an excellent tennis player, a fine swordsman, and extraordinarily keen about appeals to the people. The Spaniards are a sports-loving nation, and the certainty that their young King could knock spots off most of their young grandees gave them sheer delight. They foresaw a return to the days of chivalry, when the kings were pious knights.

The practical side of the King's nature next made a deep impression. Spain is not essentially an industrial country, but her engineering work is very fine. Alfonso is keenly interested in what may be called the engineering side of sport—motoring and aviation. His exploits as a high-speed motorist are famous. He was once told by the Hispano-Suiza Motor Company that any time he liked to give up being a king they had a job for him as a racing driver.

The real charm of the man lies in his unaffected personality, his graceful energy, his genuine kindness, and his unfailing tact. He is the ideal king in that he is the real thing that humble folk envisage. Throughout the war he conducted a special bureau whose mission it was to search for wounded and missing prisoners of war, and there is many a grateful family in Great Britain and other Allied countries who cherish the remembrance of kindly efforts by King Alfonso on their behalf. So far as his personal sympathies in the late war were concerned, he was a benevolent neutral, which means that he was hated by the Germans for being pro-Allied.

Don Alfonso's career is that of a king who has made good in face of all kinds of serious obstacles.—Daily Express.

THE COST OF THE RAILWAY STRIKE.

In reply to questions by several hon. members in the House of Commons on October 27th, Mr. Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer (Birmingham, W., C.U.), said:—The total cost of the railway strike is believed to be roughly about £10,000,000, including delay in de-mobilization, estimated at £2,000,000. The figures are, however, not yet complete. The cost to the State, in the wider sense is incalculable. The cost of publicity and propaganda was £32,507. The question whether all these Exchequer charges by reason of the railway strike shall be met from a separate Vote to be presented to Parliament is under consideration.

Mr. Bottomley (Hackney, S., Ind.) asked whether the Prime Minister would grant a day for the discussion of the circumstances which led to the strike.

Mr. Adams (Gillingham, Kent) said:—Before the right hon. gentleman replies, is he aware that the railway servants would welcome a debate at any time after the negotiations which are at present in progress?

Mr. Bonar Law.—If there is any general desire for such a discussion, I shall be happy to arrange it. It is a question which will be decided according to the wishes of the House. I should have thought a discussion was desirable, but the particular time must be arranged.

Mr. Bottomley.—I beg to call attention to an early date I shall call attention to the recent railway strike, and move that this House is of opinion that such a strike was unjustified and inimical to the interests of labour, and calls on the Government at once to introduce legislation rendering illegal any stoppage of public services, with the instance of trade union executives without due notice to and a ballot of the members concerned. (Cheers.) Mr. J. Jones (Silverton, Lab.)—Stop, John Bull in the same way.

NAVAL MISSION TO POLAND.

In the House of Commons on October 27th, in reply to Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy (Hull, Central, L.), Mr. Cecil Harcourt (Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, London, C.L.), said:—At the urgent request of the Polish Government, a British naval mission, with Commander Thornton in command, arrived at Warsaw on September 11th, with the object of advising the Polish Government on various technical questions, such as the development of their seaboard, rivers, mine-sweeping, ports, and docks, and the organization of their river and maritime traffic, and of their mercantile marine. The Polish Government are hoping eventually to have a small naval force of their own, but I am not in a position to state the attitude of the Admiralty towards this question.

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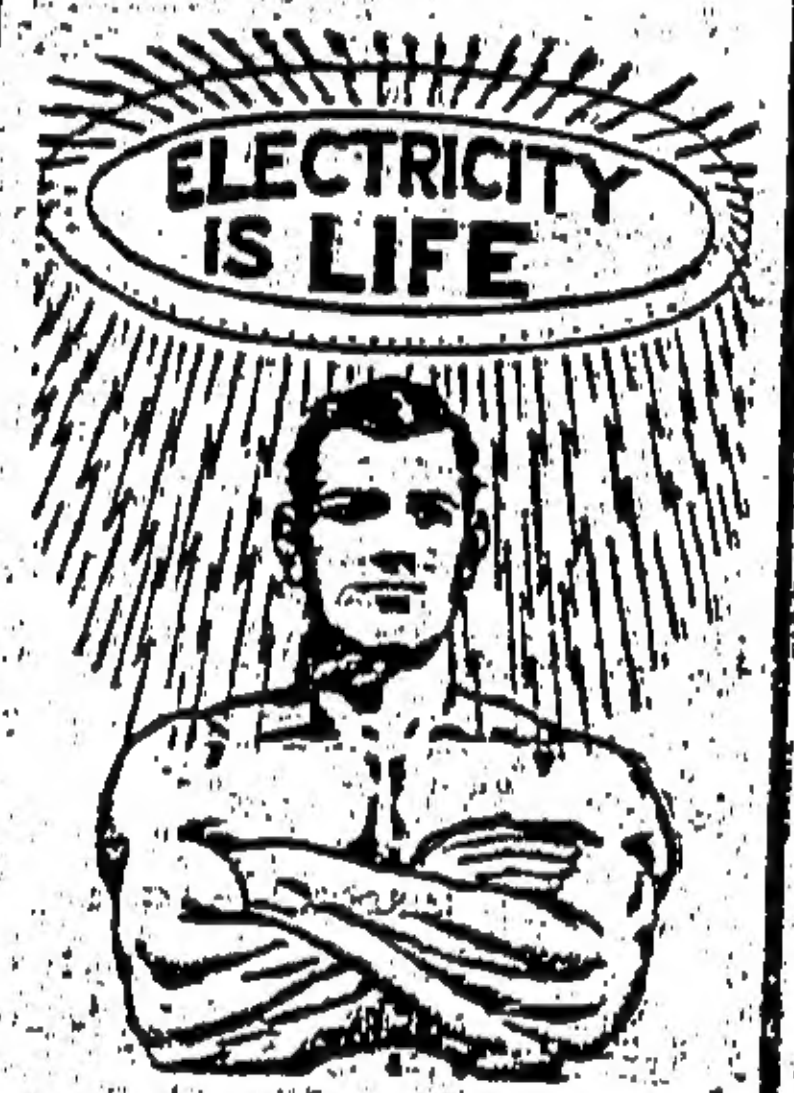
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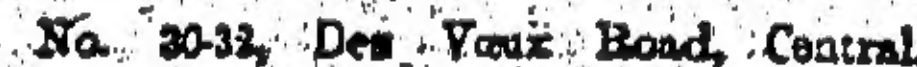
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The utmost credit, said Mr. McKav, must be given to the inventor Commander Burney, not only for his originality of conception, but also for the indomitable energy he displayed in developing the details and in overcoming the many initial practical difficulties. It had been stated in the July issue of the *Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine* that the article by Lieutenant Collins, U.S.N.R.F., that in the early days of the experimental work the Admiralty became convinced that the device was unworkable and ordered all further work on it to cease. Commander Burney and his friends, however, were convinced of the possibilities of the scheme, and without despairing, except for the immediate future, they were determined to further the opportunity of detecting what had proved one of the most remarkable and special inventions of the war.

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Esperanza, British str., 1,395 tons, Capt. Vauy, from Swatow, in ballast—Standard Oil Co.
Katsuma, British str., 1,005 tons, Capt. Macfarlane, from Ching-wan-tao, with a cargo of coal—Doddwell & Co.
December 30th.
At 8 1/2 P.M. British str., 1,410 tons, Capt. Skinner, from Canton, in ballast—J. M. & Co.
Chiao Maru, British str., 1,395 tons, Capt. Shiao, from Canton, with a general cargo—B. & S.
Kyo Maru, Japanese str., 4,479 tons, Capt. Sano, from Moji, with a general cargo—T.K.K.
Xueyin, British str., 1,075 tons, Capt. McDowell, from Canton, in ballast—B. & S.
Monteagle, British str., 3,950 tons, Capt. Hosken, from Vancouver, which port she left on November 24th, with a general cargo—C.P.O.S.
Nancy Miller, British str., 635 tons, Capt. Williams, from Wuhu, with a cargo of rice—Moller.
Shenking, British str., 1,034 tons, Capt. Tubbin, from Swatow, in ballast—B. & S.
Sunway, British str., 1,570 tons, Capt. Benson, from Shanghai and Amoy, with a general cargo—B. & S.
Tammy, British str., 1,358 tons, Capt. Richards, from Manila, with a general cargo—B. & S.
Tesemach, British str., 4,247 tons, Capt. Stewart, from Calcutta—Standard Oil Co.
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Hanagang, for Canton.
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Uyapoun, for Cebu.
Manchow, for Canton.
Waijin Maru, for Keelung.
Kan Tung Kai, for Pakhoi.
Kwangyang, for Shanghai.
Longyang, for Manila.
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Makulu, for San Francisco.
Pakhoi, for Haiphong.
Chumpent, for Canton.
Produce, for Wuhu.
Nimferhoc, for Haiphong.
Sasui Maru, for Canton.
Sai Tai, for Shanghai.
Takoo Wan Ti, for Sourabaya.
Tak Sang, for Haiphong.
Takas Maru, for Keelung.
Vaii Vaeerijet, for Singapore.
Wing-Ping, for Kwong Chow Wan.
Yingchow, for Shanghai.

December 28th.

Andre Jehon, for Marseilles.
Hawa Maru, for Keelung.
Kalomo, for London.
Kweichow, for Swatow.
December 29th.
At 8 1/2 P.M. for Haibow.
Baden, for Yokohama.
Kaipina, for Chin-wan-tao.
Kowachi Maru, for Calcutta.
Methuen, for Vancouver.
Romy Miller, for Canton.
Shinn, for Haiphong.
Sunway, for Canton.
Sun Tai, for Saigon.
Uda, for Singapore.
Wa Sim, for Kwong Chow Wan.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

The s.s. China arrived at San Francisco on December 17th.

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The P. & O. s.s. *Somali* left Singapore for this port on the 29th instant, with the outward English mails, and is due here on the 4th prox. at about 8 a.m.

WEATHER REPORT

December 29th, at 12 1/2.—No return from the observatory of Japanese station.
 Pressure has increased considerably from Weihaiwei to Amoy, moderately from Hongkong to Tientsin, and slightly over the Philippines.
 A strong anti-cyclone now covers China.
 Strong monsoon may be expected along the north-east coast of China and over the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. today, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 74.14 inches, against an average of 82.66 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—

DISTRICT	FORECAST
Hongkong to Gap Rock	North winds, strong; fine.
Formosa Channel	The same as No. 1.
South Coast of China between Hongkong and Lanchow	The same as No. 1.
South Coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan	The same as No. 1.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER

Hongkong Observatory, December 29th.

	Previous Day	On Date	On Date
	at 5 p.m.	at 5 p.m.	at 5 p.m.
Barometer	30.22	30.23	30.22
Thermometer	82	85	87
Humidity	69	82	72
Wind Direction	North	North	North
Force	2	4	5
Weather	b.	b.	b.
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HAIPHONG ... "HANGSANG" ... Fri. 2nd Jan. 8 a.m.
SWATOW & CALCUTTA ... "KUMSANG" ... Tues. 26th Jan. 2 p.m.
SWATOW & CALCUTTA ... "YATHEUNG" ... Fri. 9th Jan. 8 p.m.
KORE ... "TOOKSANG" ... Fri. 9th Jan. 4 p.m.
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Empress of Russia	Mar. 11	Mar. 29
Empress of Japan	Mar. 17	Apr. 7
Monteagle	Mar. 23	Apr. 18
Empress of Asia	Apr. 8	Apr. 26
Empress of Russia	May 8	May 24
Empress of Japan	May 12	June 2
Monteagle	May 29	June 23
Empress of Asia	June 3	June 21
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SEANGHAI	"TAMING"	On 1st Jan. 2 P.M.
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"EASTERN"	4,000	11th Feb.	

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